

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

May 7, 2009

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Michael Kelly (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on April 30, 2009 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending May 6, 2009 in the amount of \$230,236.08 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of April 30- May 6, 2009
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from March 9- May 5, 2009

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS:

- none -

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of **\$1,111,558.20** are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

Peg McCartney of 138 Beekman Street is from the Earth Day Committee and thanked the farmer's market committee for letting them hold their Earth Day Celebrations there.

7. OTHER ITEMS

A. Request from the City Chamberlain to close capital project H5110.25 as complete and with no funding to be received.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to close capital project H5110.25 as complete and with no funding to be received.

By Councilor Jackson; Second by Councilor Calnon
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. Request from the Champlain Valley Classic Cruisers for the City Police Department to help aid the riders through traffic on May 23, 2009.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Police Department to help aid the Champlain Valley Classic Cruiser through traffic on May 23, 2009.

By Councilor Valentine; Second by Councilor Carpenter
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. Request to hire a part time cleaner for City Hall.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the hiring of a part time cleaner for City Hall.

By Councilor Rabideau; Second by Councilor Carpenter
Discussion:

Councilor Calnon stated that the legislative body of the Common Council has already authorized the money in the budget to do this so Calnon will not vote because it is the Mayor's sole authority to make the decision.

Councilor Rabideau explained how this got on the agenda. Rabideau said two weeks ago he mentioned it just to have discussion among the Councilors not necessarily put it on the agenda but Calnon said we should put it on the agenda so Rabideau agreed.

Councilor Valentine would like some clarity as to how to move forward with this resolution since it seems to be an appointment issue.

Corporation Counsel Clute said there seems to be money in the budget to clean City Hall however it is the Council's duty to delegate where the money goes but it is up to the Chief Administrative Officer to decide if the appointment will be made.

Councilor Carpenter doesn't understand all that but that's fine. Carpenter said someone has to clean City Hall so if we continue to use DPW than we should have a budgetary transfer from the cleaning fund to DPW.

Councilor Rabideau wonders why we don't have someone go back to cleaning City Hall.

Mayor Kasprzak said the cleaning company was hired as a cost saver for the taxpayers and they included cleaning supplies. Despite someone not thinking they did a good job well they did do a good job. The same company has been doing a good job at the Police Department and the Miller Street office. Also DPW cleans the DPW building. Kasprzak said it was the right decision financially and the right decision for City Hall. Kasprzak said that when the decision was made by the arbitrator to get rid of contracting out there was no remedy for that. Public Works is stretched but the Council didn't hire anyone last week. The Council put back the MLD positions, there was talk of hiring a Community Development Director, Police have been hired and Firefighters.

Councilor Rabideau said last week Brodi asked for positions that didn't exist. Police and Fire we were filled existing positions which is close to same situation as the City Hall cleaning position. Rabideau believes that Public Works does need help so by taking two men from DPW to clean city hall seems to be penalizing DPW for an arbitration decision.

Councilor Calnon said the reason he asked if Rabideau wanted it on for initial was to keep order in the meeting. Discussion to evaluate who is in support of a position can only be in order if there is a motion made and have it seconded and then discussion to follow. Calnon said you don't have to act on it but it should be on the table properly otherwise it's an improper discussion.

Councilor Rabideau said he thought it was under new business and we usually talk about anything.

Councilor Calnon said he was asking for a consensus of the group and that is different.

Councilor Kelly said he cares about the present and Mike Brodi asked for two positions. Kelly said he believes he does need the help. However we can't afford to hire two new people and we voted it down and that's ok. Kelly said we can free up the people who are cleaning City Hall and give them back.

Councilor Jackson thinks this is a budget issue and we can approve the funds but we can not force the hierarchy.

Councilor Valentine said filling Brodi's positions necessarily doesn't mean that they should still be cleaning City Hall. Valentine supports filling the position to not stretch Public Works.

Councilor Carpenter said Jackson was right it is something we already budgeted for and he supports filling the position. Carpenter said sometime in the future if the Mayor decides to hire someone than he will know the vote on the Council already. Carpenter said if the Mayor doesn't hire someone than he would like to see the cleaning funds transferred to Public Works.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(Councilor Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, and Valentine voted in the affirmative. Councilor Calnon abstained. Councilor Jackson voted in the negative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. Request from Community Development for the Common Council to approve Homeownership Grant to Angela Crandall for Project HO 2009-2 located at 36 Waterhouse Street at an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Homeownership Grant to Angela Crandall for Project HO 2009-2 located at 36 Waterhouse Street at an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Valentine

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. Request for the Common Council to approve the proposal for providing Empire Zone administrative services to the City of Plattsburgh.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the proposal for providing Empire Zone administrative services to the City of Plattsburgh.

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. Request from Community Development for the Common Council to approve Homeownership Grant to Richard Barkley Jr. for Project HO 2009-1 located at 74 Montcalm Street at an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Homeownership Grant to Richard Barkley Jr. for Project HO 2009-1 located at 74 Montcalm Street at an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

G. Motion to waive Rule 4 for initial item "Request from MLD to award Bid No. 2009-3-1 46kV Transmission Line Relocation Tom Miller Road & I-87 to O'Connell Electric Company for a total amount of \$223,133.00."

By Councilor Kelly; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to award Bid No. 2009-3-1 46kV Transmission Line Relocation Tom Miller Road & I-87 to O'Connell Electric Company for a total amount of \$223,133.00.

By Councilor Kelly; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

H. Motion to waive Rule 4 for initial item "Request from the Superintendent of Recreation to advertise for bids to replace the Alpert Barn roof located at South Acres Park."

By Councilor Valentine; Second by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Superintendent of Recreation to advertise for bids to replace the Alpert Barn roof located at South Acres Park.

By Councilor Valentine; Second by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST

A. Request from MLD Manager Bill Treacy to attend the NYMPA 12th Annual Meeting from May 20-21, 2009 in East Syracuse, NY at an estimated cost of \$290.00.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD Manager Bill Treacy to attend the NYMPA 12th Annual Meeting from May 20-21, 2009 in East Syracuse, NY at an estimated cost of \$290.00.

By Councilor Kelly; Second by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

- 1.** Request from WPCP to advertise for bids for Contract #2009-07 "Electrical Services" for the one-year beginning on June 28, 2009.
- 2.** Request from WPCP to extend Contract #2007-06 "Hauling of Sludge" to Drummac Septic for one year.
- 3.** Request from WPCP to extend Contract #2008-09 "Instrumentation" to Total Control System Services until June 27, 2010.
- 4.** Request from MLD to award Bid No. 2009-3-1 46kV Transmission Line Relocation Tom Miller Road & I-87 to O'Connell Electric Company for a total amount of \$223,133.00.
(Moved to Agenda under "Other Items" letter G)
- 5.** Request from the City Chamberlain to perform a closing budget transfer for the 2008 General Fund appropriations deficit line items against surplus line items to end the budget year.

6. Request from the Superintendent of Recreation to advertise for bids to replace the Alpert Barn roof located at South Acres Park.

(Moved to Agenda under “Other Items” letter H)

7. Request from the City Engineer for the Mayor and Council to approve the following resolution: Accepting the determination and findings relating to the proposed public project PIN ME028.30A, to construct the Saranac River Multi-Use Path from George Angell Drive to the Saranac Street Bridge located in the City of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York and a copy of said resolution is made part of this meetings minutes.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Valentine read a letter about a City Firefighter’s heroic story into the minutes. **See attached letter.**

Valentine thanked everyone who helped with Clean Up Day; Casella, Hannafords, Koffee Kat, Mike Kelly, Chris Jackson, Gail Williams, Paul Williams, Public Works, and Steve Peters. Valentine said there was a great turnout of about 75 people including students from Peru, Boy Scouts, and residents.

Councilor Kelly said this was Councilor Valentine’s 5th year for Clean Up Day, thank you.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:10 p.m.